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Introduction

This chapter describes how to calibrate the AEC by generating the dark offset, a goal table for a desired target/filter combination and loading it into the DirectRay Power and X-Ray Control Module (PXCM).

Use the **AEC Calibration Tool** to perform the calibration.

When is an AEC calibration required

An AEC calibration should be performed:

- Once a year.
- If changes are made to any of the DirectRay components or the generator (for example, if the PXCM is replaced).

Calibration-related procedures

The purpose of the AEC calibration is to determine a valid mAs value and, using that value, to take a series of exposures to generate goal images. The AEC Calibration Tool averages the goal images, in turn, to generate and to load a goal table into the PXCM.

There are various calibration procedures which are performed in sequence:

- **Dark offset**; described in ([Dark offset / p. 9](#))
- **Determining the Half Value Layer (HVL)** of the X-ray generator for a given target/filter combination; described in ([Determining the Half Value Layer \(HVL\) / p. 10](#)).
- The HVL is used to **Determining the Entrance Skin Exposure (ESE)**; see description in ([Determining the Entrance Skin Exposure \(ESE\) / p. 13](#)). The resulting mAs value is used during the goal image exposure, in the next procedure.
- The mAs value, determined in the ESE procedure, is used to generate the **goal image** (see description in ([Generating the goal tables / p. 17](#))). This results in a goal table which is loaded into the PXCM.

NOTE

If you know the correct HVL value, determined with the help of the "Determine HVL" procedure beforehand, you can skip this procedure and go right to the Determine ESE procedure.

Starting the AEC Calibration Tool

1. To start the AEC Calibration Tool, enter the following command line in the syngo service software **Utilities -> Escape To Os**:

startcalibration

- The syngo application software is automatically stopped.
- Then, the **AEC Calibration Tool** main window opens.

The main window is shown in the image below in ([Fig. 1 / p. 5](#)).

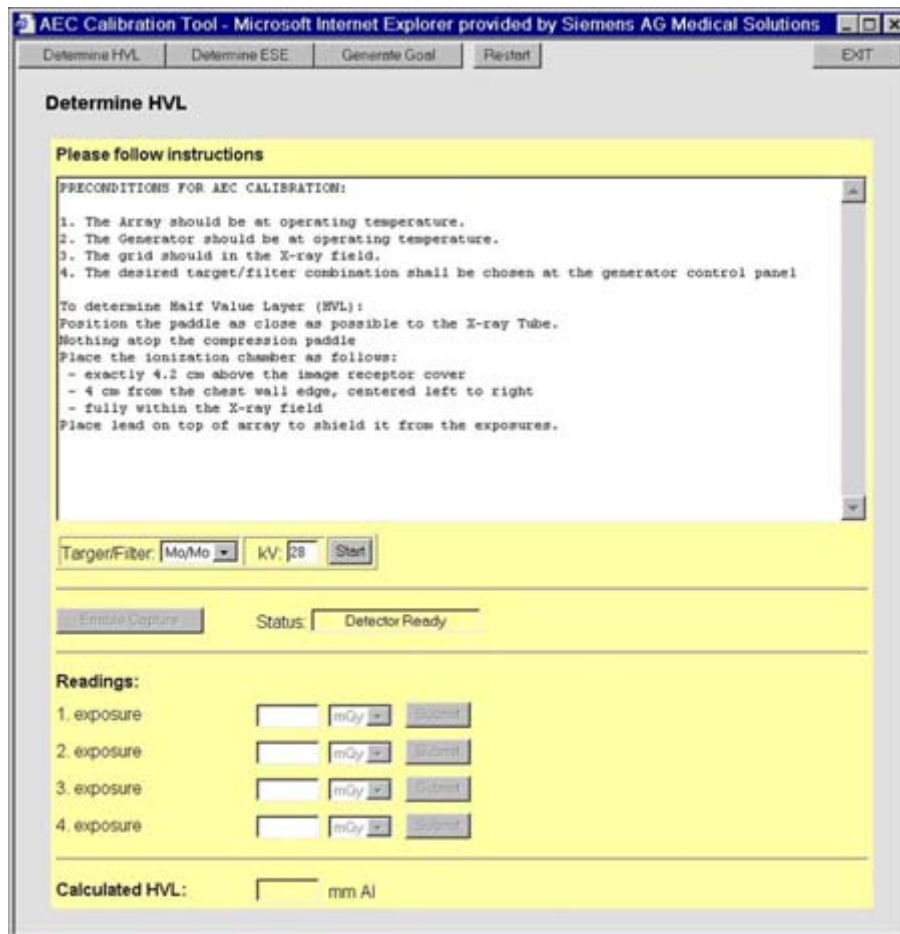


Fig. 1: Start the AecCalTool

The screenshot above (Fig. 1 / p. 5) shows the default configuration of the tool:

- **Target/Filter** setting is **Mo/Mo**
- **kV** is set to **28**

Exiting the tool and restarting the syngo application

To restart the syngo application software:

1. Select **Exit** in the AEC Calibration Tool.
2. Go to **Utilities** in the service software and select the **Source -> System**.
3. Select **Restart Application** and press **Go** to restart the syngo application.

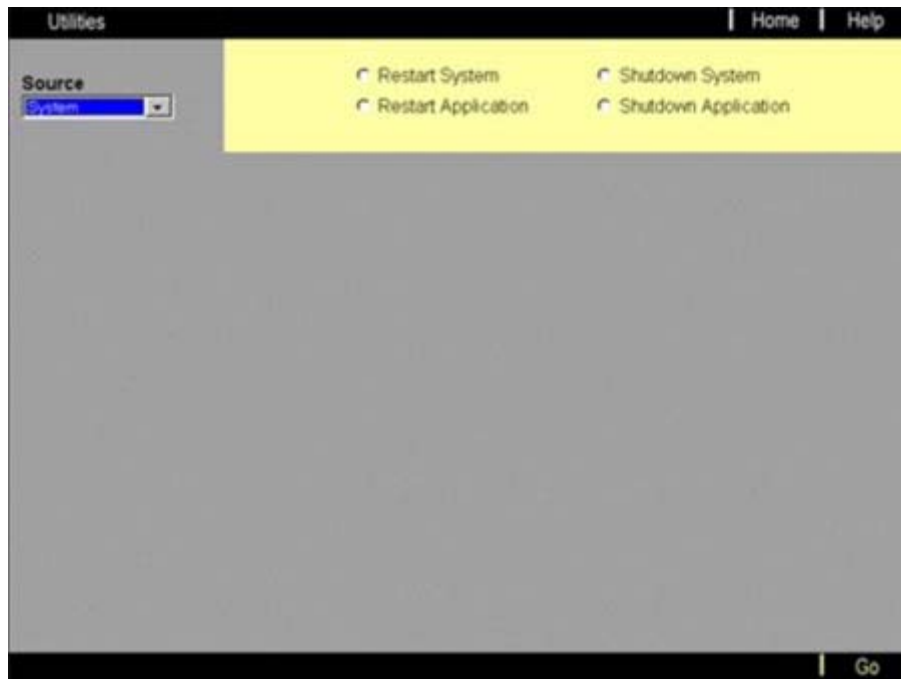


Fig. 2: Restart the syngo application

Main window functions and options

The **AEC Calibration Tool** window's functions and options are described in [\(Tab. 1 / p. 7\)](#).

Tab. 1 Main Window Functions and Options

Function/option	Description
Procedure options	<p>Select the procedures which you want to perform from these three options. Only one option can be selected at a time. When the tool starts, no procedure is selected automatically. You must select one of the three procedures to continue.</p> <p>Determine HVL. Select this procedure to determine the Half Value Layer (HVL) of the X-ray generator for a given target/filter combination. For the procedure for determining the HVL, refer to (Determining the Half Value Layer (HVL) / p. 10).</p> <p>Determine ESE. Select this procedure to determine the Entrance Skin Exposure (ESE). This step may be performed without determining the HVL of the X-ray generator. However, a valid HVL value must be known. For the procedure for determining the ESE, refer to (Determining the Entrance Skin Exposure (ESE) / p. 13).</p> <p>Generate Goal. Select this procedure to generate the goal table for the selected target/filter combination. This step may be performed without determining the HVL of the X-ray generator or the ESE. However, a valid mAs value must be known. For the procedure for generating the goal, refer to (Generating the goal tables / p. 17).</p>
Target/filter	<p>The desired target/filter combination. The goal table will be named to match (Mo/Mo is goaltab1, Mo/Rh is goaltab2, W/Rh is goaltab3). Make sure that the generator setting matches this selection. Since this selection determines future instructions and calculations, this selection will be disabled once the first HVL exposure is taken.</p>
AGD	<p>Use this option to select the desired Average Glandular Dose to be used for calculating the mAs value for calibration. In a future version, this value will be logged on the end of the goal table file. The default is 1.5 mGy (150 mR)</p>
kV	<p>Use this option to indicate the kV to be used during calibration. This selection in the AEC Calibration Tool window does not actually change the generator settings, but is used to remind the user of the current generator settings. The default is 28 kV.</p>
mAs	<p>Use this option to indicate the mAs to be used during calibration. This selection in the AEC Calibration Tool window does not actually change the generator settings, but is used to remind the user of the current generator settings.</p>
Enable Capture button	<p>Use this option to enable the DRAPI for image capture.</p>
Units	<p>Use this option to select the radiation units to be used. You may select either R/mR or Gy/mGy. When this selection is changed, the AGD setting will also change to convert the value to the current units. The selected unit is also displayed in the instructions field after each exposure.</p>

Function/option	Description
Reading	Use this field to enter the dosimeter reading, as instructed following each exposure for HVL or ESE determination. Enter the numerical characters in the field and click on the Submit button. The last entry will be cleared when the Enable Capture button is pressed.
Submit button	Use this button to submit a radiation entry.
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detector NOT Ready The DRAPI is processing the previous exposure.• Detector Ready The DRAPI is ready to be enabled for exposure.• Detector Armed The DRAPI is ready for exposure. Press the generator exposure buttons to start the exposure.• Detector Exposed The detector has been exposed with X-rays.

Dark offset

The **Dark Offset** has to be set to **0**.

Setting the AEC dark offset values

1. Establish a network connection to the BRICK by entering the following command line in the **Utilities -> Escape To OS** service page, to make the appropriate changes for the new dark offset.

start explorer http://brick

For safety reasons, you may be prompted to enter a login name and password before executing this function.

Username: **root**

Password: *********

2. Select **Brick** and then **Brick AEC Configuration**.
3. Select **Modify settings** and set the **Modify Array Dark Offset** and **Modify Array Mag Offset** to the value **0** in the **Dark Offset Value** field.

Enter the value **0** for both

- **short-term (Load)** and for

- **long-term (Save)**

by choosing the **Duration of Change** button.

4. After the changes have been made, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **Back to the Brick Control Panel...**
5. Check the setting with the **Status** button.

Determining the Half Value Layer (HVL)

Select the **Determine HVL** procedure option for determining the HVL of the X-ray generator for a given target/filter combination.

This procedure requires taking four exposures.

- The first and the last exposure are "control" exposures with no attenuating material in place.
- The second exposure is taken with aluminum in the path of the X-ray beam. For the **Molybdenum** target, use aluminum with a thickness of 0.3 mm. For the **Tungsten** target, aluminum with a thickness of 0.4 mm.
- The third exposure is taken with a larger aluminum thickness in the path of the X-ray beam. For **Mo/Mo**, use aluminum with a thickness of 0.4 mm. For **Mo/Rh**, use 0.5 mm and for **W/Rh**, use 0.6 mm.

The result of the HVL procedure is a fractional number representing the HVL in millimeters of aluminum.

NOTE

If you already know the HVL and want to proceed with determining the ESE value, go to [\(Determining the Entrance Skin Exposure \(ESE\) / p. 13\)](#).

Procedure

In the AEC Calibration tool's main window, select the **Determine HVL** procedure option.

1. Mount the compression plate 24x30.
2. Start the AecCalTool:

startcalibration

3. In the main window, the settings change and instructional text appears on the display. An example of the main window with the selected **Determine HVL** procedure option is shown below.

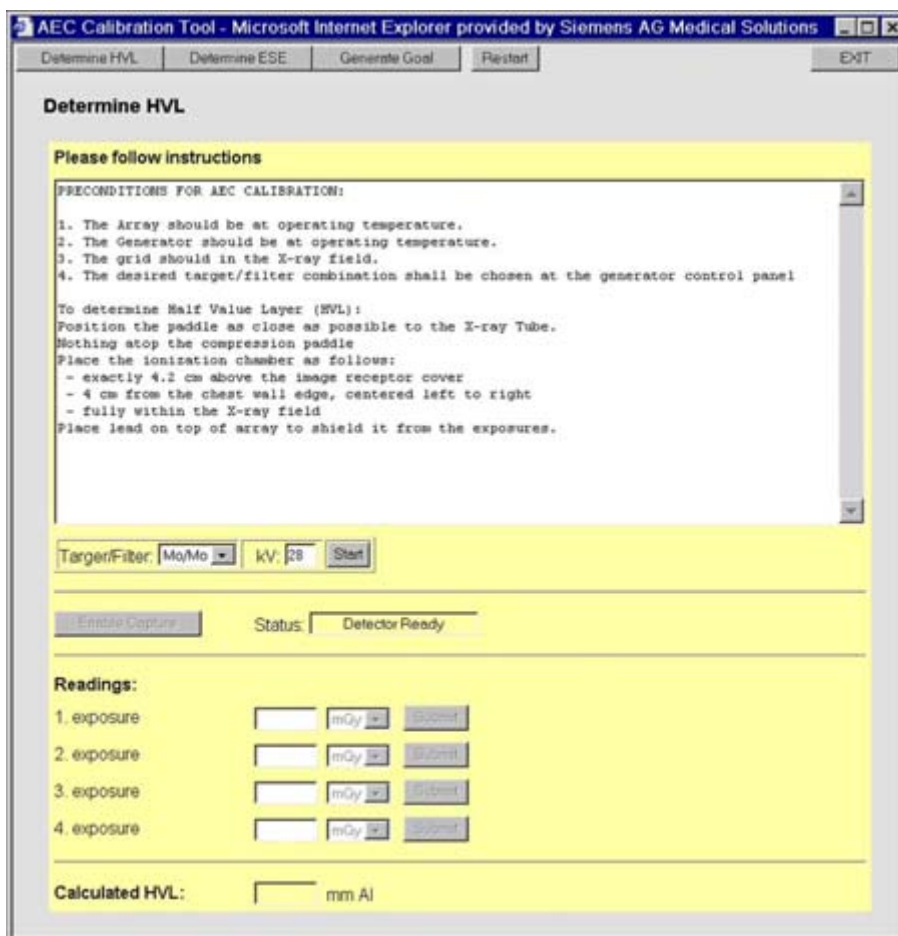


Fig. 3: Determining the Half Value Layer

Start with the following settings:

- You have to determine the **HVL** for **Mo/Mo**, **Mo/Rh** and **W/Rh**. The appropriate **Target/Filter** combination has to be set.
- **kV** has to be set to **28**
- Instructions for generator and dosimeter configuration are displayed in the text window.



4. Make sure to select the correct values. Then press the **Start** button.
5. Once the setup is complete, click on the **Enable Capture** button.

Make sure the generator is configured properly and take the indicated exposure. The **Status** indication will change from **Detector Ready** to **Detector Armed**, **Detector Exposed**, **Detector NOT Ready** and then to **Detector Ready** again.

6. Select the appropriate **Units** (mGy/RmR).

NOTE

Select "mGy" for "Units", except for the USA, here it has to be set to "R/mR"

In the **Readings** field enter the dosimeter value with the appropriate units: mR (milliRoentgen) or mGY (milliGray).

NOTE

If you enter values, make sure to use the decimal point (e.g., 4.5) and NOT the decimal comma.

Make sure the entry is correct, then click on **Submit**.

The text window includes instructions for the next step.

7. Perform the displayed instructions.

The amount of aluminum added in this step depends on the target/filter selection.
(Mo/Mo = 0.3 mm; Mo/Rh = 0.3 mm; W/Rh = 0.5 mm)



8. Click on the **Enable Capture** button.

9. Ensure that the generator is configured properly and perform the indicated exposure.

10. In the **Readings** field, enter the dosimeter value with the appropriate units. Make sure that the entry is correct, then click on **Submit**. The text window includes instructions for the next step. The total thickness of aluminum in this step depends on the target/filter selection (Mo/Mo = 0.4 mm; Mo/Rh = 0.5 mm; W/Rh = 0.6 mm).



11. Perform the displayed instructions and click on the **Enable Capture** button.

12. Ensure that the generator is configured properly and perform the indicated exposure.

13. In the **Readings** field, enter the dosimeter value with the appropriate units. Make sure that the entry is correct, then click on **Submit**.

The text window includes instructions on how to perform the final HVL step.



14. Perform the displayed instructions and click on the **Enable Capture** button.

15. Ensure that the generator is configured properly and perform the indicated exposure.

16. In the **Readings** field, enter the dosimeter value with the appropriate units. Make sure that the entry is correct, then click on **Submit**.

The calculated **Half Value Layer** value is computed and displayed. The tool stores this value internally, which will then be used for the **ESE** procedure.



17. You have to determine the **Half Value Layer** for **Mo/Mo**, **Mo/Rh** and **W/Rh**. Note the measured HVL values in .

Tab. 2 HVL values

Target/Filter	Min HVL value at 28 kV	Max HVL value at 28kV	Measured HVL value
Mo/Mo	0.32	0.40	
Mo/Rh	0.38	0.46	
W/Rh	0.49	0.59	

Determining the Entrance Skin Exposure (ESE)

Select the **Determine ESE** procedure option if you need to determine a valid **mAs** to be used for generating a goal image.

NOTE

If you already know the valid mAs to use and want to proceed with generating the goal image, go to [\(Generating the goal tables / p. 17\)](#).

The ESE procedure requires the HVL. If the HVL procedure has already been performed, the tool will already have the HVL value. If you are skipping the HVL procedure and start the ESE procedure, enter the appropriate HVL value.

The ESE procedure involves taking three exposures. The dosimeter readings for each exposure are averaged to determine the ESE for the selected Average Glandular Dose (AGD). This, in turn, suggests the mAs that should be used to generate the goal table.

To determine the mAs value:

1. In the tool's main window, select the desired AGD value before starting to determine the ESE.

Once the first ESE exposure has been performed, the AGD value cannot be changed.

2. Select the **Determine ESE** procedure option.

If you know the HVL value, enter the fractional value, for example, 0.35.

If you do not know the HVL value, refer to [\(Determining the Half Value Layer \(HVL\) / p. 10\)](#).

Determine ESE

Please follow instructions

PRECONDITIONS FOR AEC CALIBRATION:

1. The Array should be at operating temperature.
2. The Generator should be at operating temperature.
3. The grid should be in the X-ray field.
4. The desired target/filter combination shall be chosen at the generator control panel

To determine Entrance Skin Exposure (ESE):
Position the paddle lightly above the ion chamber.
Nothing atop the compression paddle
Place the ionization chamber as follows:
- exactly 4.2 cm above the image receptor cover
- 4 cm from the chest wall edge, centered left to right
- fully within the X-ray field
Place lead on top of array to shield it from the exposures.

Click on Start to start the procedure
Three exposures will be averaged to compute the ESE.

Target/Filter: Mo/Mo kV: 28 AGD: 1.5 mGy HVL: 0.35 mm Al Start

Enable Capture Status: Detector Ready

Readings:

1. exposure: [] mGy Submit

2. exposure: [] mGy Submit

3. exposure: [] mGy Submit

Calculated mAs: []

Fig. 4: Perform Determine ESE

Start with the following settings:

- You have to determine the **mAs** for **Mo/Mo**, **Mo/Rh** and **W/Rh**. The appropriate **Target/Filter** combination has to be set. Start with **Mo/Mo**.
- **kV** has to be set to **28**
- **AGD** has to be set to **1.5 mGy**
- **HVL** is filled in automatically with the **Determine HVL** test result.
- Instructions for generator and dosimeter configuration are displayed in the text window.



3. Make sure that you have selected the correct values. Then press the **Start** button.
4. Click on **Enable Capture**, then perform the indicated exposure.

The **Status** indication will change from **Detector Ready** to **Detector Armed**, **Detector Exposed**, **Detector NOT Ready** and then to **Detector Ready** again.

5. Select the appropriate **Units** (mGy/RmR).

NOTE

Set "mGy" for "Units", except for the USA, here it has to be set to "R/mR"

In the **Readings** field, enter the dosimeter value with the appropriate units: mR (milliRoentgen) or mGY (milliGray).

NOTE

If you enter values, make sure to use the decimal point (e.g., 4.5) and NOT the decimal comma.



6. Repeat step 4. and 5. for the second and third ESE exposures. After the third exposure, the entered average of the three dosimeter values is displayed. In addition, the suggested **mAs** value to be used for **goal table** generation is displayed.

Fig. 5: Average mAs value

NOTE

In most cases, the suggested mAs value will not exactly match a mAs value which can be used to set the generator. In this case, it is recommended to use the next lower mAs setting so that the desired AGD will not be exceeded during the following AEC exposures.



7. You have to determine the **mAs** for **Mo/Mo**, **Mo/Rh** and **W/Rh**. Note the measured **mAs** values in (Tab. 3 / p. 16).

Tab. 3 mAs values

Target/Filter	mAs value
Mo/Mo	
Mo/Rh	
W/Rh	

Generating the goal tables

Use the **Generate goal** procedure to generate the **goal table** for the selected target/filter combination. The goal table will be created for the mAs value used by the generator to create the goal images.

Before performing the **Generate goal** procedure, you must have a valid **mAs** value. If you do not know a valid mAs value, you must perform the HVL and ESE procedures to determine it. Refer to [\(Determining the Half Value Layer \(HVL\) / p. 10\)](#) and [\(Determining the Entrance Skin Exposure \(ESE\) / p. 13\)](#).

During the procedure, you will take 4 goal images from which the average is calculated to be used for the final result. The tool instructions will prompt you to enable capture and expose for each of the images. When the final image exposure is complete,

- the tool will automatically generate the goal table with a name derived from the target/filter combination used and
- will then automatically be loaded to the DirectRay PXCm.

To generate the goal image:

1. In the tool's main window, select the **Generate goal** procedure option

NOTE

<p>You can select the "Generate goal" option without performing the "Determine HVL" and "Determine ESE" procedures. In this case, the current mAs value is used to configure the generator.</p>
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In the main window, the settings change and instructions are displayed.

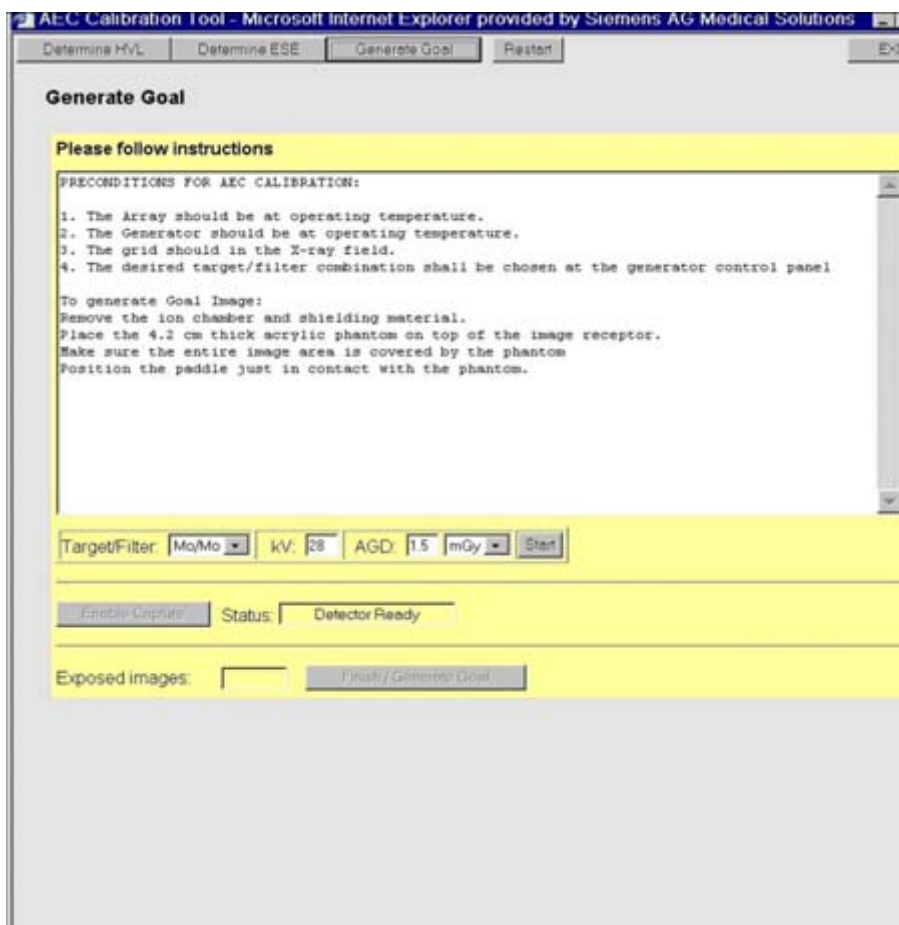


Fig. 6: Generate the Goal Image

Start with the following settings:

- You have to determine the **goal tables** for **Mo/Mo**, **Mo/Rh** and **W/Rh**. The appropriate **Target/Filter** combination has to be set.
- **kV** has to be set to **28**
- **AGD** has to be set to **1.5 mGy**.
- Instructions for generator and dosimeter configuration are displayed in the text window.

2. Follow the instructions in the text field for generator configuration.

NOTE

After finishing the ESE determination, the suggested mAs value appears in the text field. This merely serves as a reminder; the user must manually set the proper mAs on the generator.



3. Make sure that you have selected the correct values. Then press the **Start** button.
4. Click on the **Enable Capture** button, then take the indicated exposure(s).

- When the final image has been written to a file, the average of the images is calculated and the goal table file will be generated and installed on the BRICK.



Fig. 7: Generate the Goal Image

- Simply reboot the BRICK before attempting to take AEC exposures. Call up the service software and select **Utilities -> Escape to OS**. Then, enter the following command in the **Command** field.

start explorer http://brick

7. Select **Brick -> Reboot Brick**.

The BRICK software switches to a higher user level, so that you need to enter a user name and password.

Username: **root**

Password: *********



Fig. 8: Reboot the BRICK

8. You have to create the **goal tables** for **Mo/Mo**, **Mo/Rh** and **W/Rh**.



After creating all goal tables, the system is ready to be used in AEC mode.

Introduction

The WH AWS installation is mainly automated and requires only few manual interactions. Not all of the following steps require user interactions. They have been added, however, to permit a better understanding of what is going on.

Usually no error has occurred when the system does not respond right away. In most cases, it will take a few moments before the system reacts.

This chapter describes the complete WH AWS system software installation, including the Windows XP installation.

Preparation

Do the following, before you start with the re-installation of the software:

- Backup all packages, if no up-to-date backup is available, with the service software **Backup & Restore** function.
- Archive all patient images residing on the WH AWS.
- Write down the following data:

Regional Settings, Language	Options -> Configuration -> Regional Settings	
Service Key		

Loading the software

Prerequisites

- The PC is turned **OFF**, at the beginning of the installation.
- **No** CD is placed in the CD-ROM drive.

Loading the WH AWS BIOS CD

1. Turn the PC **ON** and press **F2**, to enter the BIOS menu. Enter the BIOS password.
2. Press **F9** in the BIOS menu, to load the default BIOS settings. Confirm the switch with **YES**.
3. Press the ESC button and leave the BIOS with **Save Changes & Exit**. Confirm with **YES**. The PC reboots.
4. Insert the BIOS CD in the CD-ROM.

The PC now boots from the CD-ROM and loads the **BIOS version**, if required. As a result, the following messages are displayed.

```
BIOS Installation Done - System Ready for Software Installation
Please remove BIOS CD!
Please turn off or reset system !
```

5. Now remove the BIOS CD.

Loading the WH AWS software

1. Insert the first WH AWS Installation CD.
2. Reboot the PC.

MS-DOS (as part of Windows 98) is started from the CD-ROM.

```
Starting Win98
```

After a short time, a start screen is displayed in text mode. In the top right corner a message appears that the EIDE, SCSI and CD-ROM drivers are loaded.

If any drivers cannot be found with this hardware configuration, an error message is generated which can be ignored.

3. After a short time, the screen changes and the PC starts to bleep.

As a result, the following screen is shown:

Siemens AG B Med AWS VA11A installation (Int. WXP)	
SELECT WINDOW	INFORMATION WINDOW
Turn off computer to interrupt or press any key to confirm operation and to	Creating a new primary partition on first harddisk. This partition will be converted to NTFS during Windows XP installation. Confirm to DESTROY DATA on the first partition of the first harddrive.
CONTINUE INSTALLATION	

HARDWARE DETECTION IN PROGRESS
Checking first harddrive...

- Press **Enter** to continue with the installation. A new primary partition will be created and the PC will be restarted.
- Leave the installation CD in the CD-ROM drive. After a short time, the following screen is displayed:

Siemens AG B Med AWS VA11A installation (Int. WXP)	
SELECT WINDOW	INFORMATION WINDOW
Distribution type: CUSTOMER UDB-file: on CD-ROM Machine Name: MedPC Keep data on other partitions CONTINUE INSTALLATION	Press the ENTER key to toggle the distribution type to be installed. CUSTOMER: install release files DEVELOPER: debug files, as well. Use ARROW-KEYS to navigate
HARDWARE DETECTION RESULTS	
Matrox Graphic adapter (G400 or G450) found	

- The following settings need to be carried out:

- Check PCI card

Press **ALT-O**. Now the other hardware is checked. The entry **DRC PCI card found** must be shown. In case it is not shown, check if the card is plugged in correct. After the error correction, reboot the PC and continue with the installation.

- Machine Name

Enter the appropriate machine name.

NOTE

The machine name must be changed.

If you do not change the machine name 'MedPC', the syngo installation cannot be properly completed.

- Partitioning

Select **Create partitions on hard drive 2**.

- Continue with the installation

Move the cursor to **CONTINUE INSTALLATION** and press **Enter**.

- The last text on the screen changes. Press **Enter** again to continue with the installation. It is normal that the PC starts to beep again.

Siemens AG B Med AWS VA11A installation (Int. WXP)	
SELECT WINDOW	INFORMATION WINDOW

Distribution type: CUSTOMER UDB-file: on CD-ROM Machine Name: YBHH007154 Create partitions on harddrive 2 Press any key to continue.	Now destroying all data and creating further partitions on hard drive 1-2. Please confirm to continue.
HARDWARE DETECTION RESULTS	
Matrox Graphic adapter (G400 or G450) found	

The first and second hard disk is partitioned.

8. The installation files are copied from the CD-ROM to the hard disk. The screen changes as follows:

Siemens AG B Med AWS VA11A installation (Int. WXP)	
SELECT MENU	INFORMATION WINDOW
Distribution type: CUSTOMER UDB-file: on CD-ROM Machine Name: YBHH007154 Create further partitions on harddrive 1-2 Installation in progress...	Copying OEM setup files Operating System setup files Operating System fixes Additional device drives
HARDWARE DETECTION RESULTS	
Matrox Graphic adapter (G400 or G450) found	

After the installation, files are prepared and the CD-ROM is unloaded. Then, the PC is rebooted.

NOTE

The CD-ROM must be removed immediately, since the PC will reload the CD automatically after rebooting. Otherwise, the installation would restart.

If this happens, remove the CD-ROM without striking any key and restart the PC.

9. The Windows XP setup copies the files to the hard disk. A scroll bar appears on the screen. After that, the PC is restarted.
10. Windows XP continues with preparing the files. The PC is restarted.
11. The files system is converted from **FAT32** to **NTFS**. The PC is restarted.
12. Windows XP Setup starts for the first time with a graphical mode (VGA Mode, 640 x 480 Pixel). The setup continues automatically, several windows and dialogs appear. All dialogs are automatically answered as part of the automatic installation scripts.

NOTE**Do not manually interfere the setup.**

As a result, the PC restarts automatically.

13. At this point the WH AWS installation stops and shows the following DOS window.

```
=====
Siemens AG B Med AWS VA11A installation (Int. WXP)
=====

The installation has been configured to perform a partially
unattended installation. Now you have the opportunity to check
(and replace ) system services, drivers and system settings.

In case of a perfectly configured machine, press any key to
continue the installation unattended.

If you need to perform changes, it is possible to close this
window to get rid of the background noise.

Press any key to continue . . .
```

14. Insert the second WH AWS CD. Wait approximately 15 seconds until Windows XP recognizes the CD. Click on the title of the DOS window and press **Enter**.
15. Additional applications are installed now (Internet Explorer, Acrobat Reader, etc.). After that, the PC restarts.
16. A DOS window with the following text is displayed:
- ```
Installing Med Software

This installation steps take some time, but does not require any user interaction.
```
17. After another reboot the system recognizes that no application licenses are installed.
- Click on the link **Click here to start the Local Service Configuration**, to get into the service software.
  - Enter the appropriate service license and select the **Set as Default** checkbox and click **OK**.
  - As a result the service software **Home Menu** is displayed.
18. Remove the WH AWS software CD.

### Language and Keyboard setup

As default the basic installation always uses English (United States) for both the **user interface** and the **keyboard layout**.

The languages **french**, **english**, **spanish** and **german** are supported. Proceed as follows

1. Select in the Windows XP menu the control panel **Start -> Settings -> Control Panel**.
2. Select **Date, Time, Language and Regional Options**.
3. Adjust the language and keyboard setup.

### Restore the system settings

1. Select **Backup & Restore -> Restore** in the service software **Home Menu**.

2. Insert your backup medium and select it in the **Backup** menu under **Drives**. Restore the archives **SW-Settings**, **DXMG-Mammomat**, **Security-Settings** and **WH\_AWS\_backup\_restore** one after the others.
3. Select **Home**.
4. Remove the backup CD.

## Load the BIOS CD

1. Load the BIOS CD. Reboot the PC.
2. As a result, the following message is displayed:  
`Installation Done - HIPAA installed.`  
Now the boot procedure from CD-ROM is disabled again.
3. After the restart, the syngo login screen is displayed. The first login takes some time, since the patient database is now created. The AWS login is completed when the **Examination Task Card** is displayed.

## Final steps

- The **Gain Calibrated** has to be performed. Please see the MAMMOMAT Novation DR **Startup** manual for more details on how to calibrate the system.
- Take a regular image and visibly check the image.

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